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LYMPNE FLYING TESTS.

SPEED RECORD BROKEN.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, October 11.
The weather was fairly good at Lympne.
Captain Macmillan on a Farwell-Pixie machine broke
the speed record of 66 1/2 miles an hour, covering
twenty-five miles at the average speed of 74 1/2
per hour.

LONDON TO ROME FOR A POUND.

Flight-Lieutenant Longton rounded this course
on a petrol consumption equivalent to a gallon to
87 1/2 miles, equalling Jimmy James's record. So far
Hinkler has completed 812 miles maintaining his
lead in the reliability test. It is calculated that this
means it will be possible for a pilot to fly from
London to Rome at an expenditure of twenty shillings
on fuel.

OUTRAGES IN OKLAHOMA.

KU KLUX KLAN CRITICISED.

OKLAHOMA CITY, October 11.
The final struggle between the legislative and
executive forces of the State began with a meeting
of the legislature in extraordinary session which is
expected to result in the impeachment of Governor
Walton. In a message read at the opening of the
Assembly the Governor alleged that the Ku Klux
Klan was undermining the very foundations of the State and the present
conflict was between the "visible and inviolable
governments." The governor charged the Klan
with the responsibility for innumerable outrages
and produced transcripts of evidence before
tribunals which he asked the legislature to
investigate.

GERMAN POLITICAL CRISIS.

REICHSTAG MAY BE DISSOLVED.

BERLIN, October 11.
The Reichstag by 253 votes to 17 with one abstention
passed the first part of the emergency law bill.
The second part was also passed but when the whole
bill was put to the vote the Nationalists walked out
and the Reichstag adjourned till Saturday as the
necessary quorum of two-thirds of the House was
not present. If the bill is not passed the
Reichstag will be dissolved.

LATER.

Herr Stresemann, after the Reichstag vote,
visited President Ebert who authorised a dissolution
of the emergency law is not passed in its entirety.

BRITAIN'S TRADE.

FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER.

LONDON, October 11.
The Board of Trade returns for September
show that imports totalled \$83,000,000, a decrease
of \$5,500,000 and exports \$63,500,000, an increase
of \$3,500,000. Re-exports totalled \$8,000,000, an
increase of \$2,000,000.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE DISCUSSION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, October 11.
The afternoon session of the Imperial Conference
was devoted to a discussion by Dominion representatives
of Lord Robert Cecil's statement on the
work of the League of Nations. Reuter learns that
the speeches, which will not be published till to-
morrow, revealed a striking unanimity among the
Dominion representatives on the necessity of the
existence of the League of Nations. It is felt on all
sides that without such a body as an effective leash
another conflict is almost inevitable in Europe
wherein the Dominions are bound to be drawn.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE DINNER.

The full meeting of the Imperial Conference
adjourned to Monday. Only committee work will
be done to-morrow on various matters including
overseas settlement. The question of patents was
discussed to-day by committees of the Economic
Conference which re-meets in full session next week.

Their Majesties entertained the conference delegates
with their ladies to dinner at Buckingham
Palace to-night. The Party including members of
the Cabinet numbered about sixty. Their Majesties
mingled with the guests in the Drawing room after
dinner.

EMPIRE TRADE.

CONFERENCE APPOINTS COMMITTEE.

LONDON, October 11.
The Economic Conference has appointed a
committee comprising representatives of Britain
and the Dominions and Colonies and India to con-
sider and report on the methods suggested by Mr.
Hume for assisting and marketing Empire-grown
agricultural produce, namely subsidies, import
licences and stabilisation of prices.

Sir P. Lloyd Greame said the Government might
be prepared to guarantee interest and capital in re-
spect of development schemes in the colonies and
protectorates as distinct from the dominions.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

THANKS FROM JAPAN.

LONDON, October 11.
At the Imperial Conference Mr. Baldwin read
the reply of the Japanese Government to the Con-
ference's message of sympathy in connection with
the earthquake saying that the cordial sentiments
of the representative statesmen of the British Em-
pire towards their old and never-failing ally Japan
had deeply moved the Japanese nation and given it
energy and reassurance for taking up the task of
reconstruction. Marquis Curzon made a statement on
the political events resulting in the Janina massacre
and Lord Robert Cecil reviewed the work of the
League of Nations.

JASCHA HEIFETZ.

TO PLAY IN HONGKONG.

October 29, should become his-
toric for it is on that day that
probably the world's greatest
genius, so far as the playing of
the violin is concerned, will ap-
pear in the Colony and bewitch
and entrance those who are for-
tunate enough to be able to be
present. Jascha Heifetz has
been described as "unques-
tionably the brightest genius"
of the century. "Here is a boy
who has conquered the musical
world," says a well-known musical
paper. "There seems nothing
more for him to acquire." In al-
most the same words the critics of
fifty cities have expressed them-
selves. No one attempts to
account for such genius; like love,
it just happens. The playing of
Jascha Heifetz is of the transcen-
dent and ultimate height of perfec-
tion. Heifetz stands alone. No
other violinist can be mentioned
in the same breath with him. Cer-
tainly the world has never experi-
enced such a musical sensation as
this youth created. Wherever he has
appeared, and last season that was
beside itself with amazement and
admiration. New York became ac-
tually hysterical over him. Crowds
followed his motor car from the
hall; he was cheered and lionised
like a great prince, and whole pages
in the papers were devoted to his
art and his surpassing gifts. Now
he is established as the world's
greatest and foremost violinist.
Hongkong then will have its
opportunity to prove this

POLICE BELT.

A FOND ATTACHMENT.

Unable to give a satisfactory
account as to how he came by a
brand new police belt with the
Government mark and number, on
it, a Chinese who was arrested at
the Yau Ma Tei wharf yesterday,
was charged before Mr. C. D. Mel-
bourne this morning with unlaw-
ful possession and, saying that he
was a member of the water police.
Defendant's excuse was that he
had seen the belt on a Loscar Row
still and had taken a fancy to it.
He bought it for private use but
when the police took him round to
the shop his story was disproved
as the stall-holder denied all
knowledge of the belt. Ques-
tioned by the Magistrate, defend-
ant admitted that he had
previously been in the force
but when asked if he could recog-
nise a police belt shook his head.
Sergeant Lenaghan told His
Worship that defendant was dis-
missed from the force in 1917,
getting 3 months' hard labour for
drunkenness.
On the two charges, a total fine
of \$15 or three weeks was imposed.

and there should be a
tremendous demand for seats
which are priced at \$6 for
reserved, and \$4 and \$3 for un-
reserved. For such an opportunity
and for such an artist these are
within reason. It is not that the
listening to artists of repute is but
a fleeting pleasure; the memory of
them remains and becomes a
treasure of the mind.

HARBOUR SWIM.

ANNUAL EVENT FOR NEXT WEEK.

The annual harbour swim, estab-
lished originally by the China Mail
and since 1918 run under the
auspices of the V.R.C., takes place
on Tuesday, Wednesday and
Thursday next. The entries follow:
Harbour race for Chinese on
October 16—M. T. Shin, Leung Sui
Man, Yeung Ping Kwai, Leung Tsi
Sang, Ip Kui Ying, Chan Kwong
Shing, Sung Lu Tak, Wong Kam
Fan, Tong Wing Kwong, Leung
Sui Tak, Lai Sze Chiu, Ip Tuen
Shing, Leung Wing Tak, Pang
Kau Wing, Li Tin, Fung Man Kit,
C. F. Yuen, Lai Chit Man and
Leung Sui Man.
Harbour race for ladies on Octo-
ber 17—The Misses Doris and
Phyllis Hunt, Mabel Blunsdon,
Molly Goodwater, G. Ramsay,
and D. Witchell.
Harbour race (open event) on
October 18—D. Lyon, A. May,
E. A. Noronba, Gunner McDade,
B. Assumpcao, B. L. W. Dunnett,
C. B. Easterbrook, A. Busschaert,
W. Tillery, V. Ramsay, Gosard,
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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

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at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, 250 Boxes "Londres" Cigars, 100 Superior Woollen Rugs, 10 Cases Scrubbed Toilet Soap, 7 Cases Galatine, 4 Cases Naphthalene Balls, 3 Cases Silk Gowns, 5 Cases Woollen Yarn, 1 Case Alarm Clock, 8 Beach Magnets, 1 Motor Boat Engine, and

A Quantity of Miscellaneous Goods. Terms:—Cash on delivery.

LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers, Hongkong, 16th October, 1923.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Mrs. G. A. Sachse to sell by Public Auction on

TUESDAY, October 16 and WEDNESDAY, October 17, 1923, commencing each day at 2.30 p.m.

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THE Undersigned have received instructions from the Official Receiver to sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY, October 19, 1923, commencing at 11 a.m.

at Messrs. Lapicque & Company's offices, Queen's Building

(For Account of the Concerned), A Quantity of Office Furniture

comprising:—

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To sell by Public Auction on Saturday the 20th October 1923, at their Sales Room

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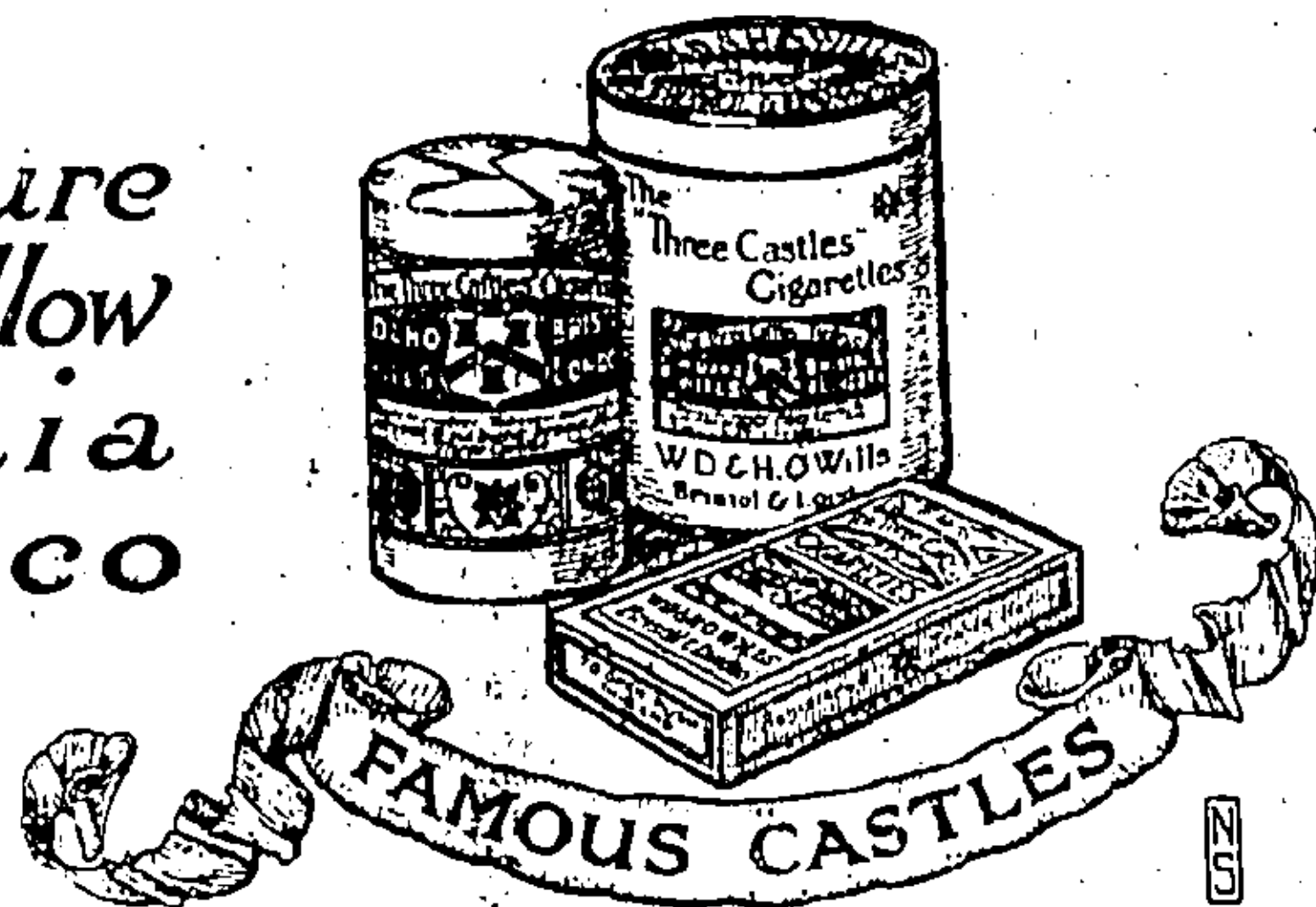
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ODDS AND ENDS.

MAINLY SCISSORS LOOT.

Accident or —?

It was a special gathering at a big Anglican Cathedral and special pews were reserved for the use of the professions. Whether by accident or design I know not, but the lawyers were seated beneath the text, "Help me, Lord! For there is not one godly man left."

Back to Earth.

Mr. P. Nettleton, B.A., headmaster of the Kensington (Vic.) State School, was enthusing on the grace of Scottish poetry. "Note the beauty of the following lines," he said, and he quoted from "Annie Laurie":

Her brow is like the snowdrift,
Her neck is like the swan.

The class listened spell-bound, and the teacher was delighted. Then a hand shot up: "Please, teacher, what were her legs like?"

Unnecessary Alarm.

Crowded tram. Faded middle-aged woman talking to impatient deaf old man.

Woman (loudly): "Gertrude feels that she ought to do something."

Old Man (nodding): "Yes, yes."

Woman: "But she doesn't want to go into an office. She says she wants to express herself."

Old Man (shocked): "WHAT!"

Woman (screaming): "Express herself!"

Old Man (irritably): "All right! Don't scream at me! I thought you said she wanted to undress herself."

Strange But True.

AH FAT'S PHONE.

Ah Fat's telephone was out of order, and a mechanic went down and detected the fault. A section of wire had been cut off by Ah Fat to hang a picture, and a piece of string substituted.—"Barleycorn."

TWO-TAILED ROOSTER.

A Croydon (N.Q.) resident owns a rooster with two complete sets of tail feathers. All the old feathers moulted, except those on his tail. From these a second set grew. The rooster now repeats this performance every year.—B.B.

A PET MOUSE.

There's a tame hotel mouse at Wellington (N.S.W.). He lives under the dining-room grate, and at meal times feeds on the crumbs, emerging from his hole in answer to a whistle. The hotel staff would not hear of a trap.—"Hellas."

MATHEMATICAL FREAK.

Know a freak who can add the three denominations in a long and complicated sum?—He can also compute, say, 2 tons, 7 cwt, 2 qrs., 21½ lbs. at 3/7½ per lb., less 27 1-3rd per cent. Never puts pencil to paper when calculating, receives only a small wage, and cannot be certain how many beers he drinks daily.—F.W.M.

The "Gibson Girl"

The "Gibson Girl" is a household word throughout the English speaking world, therefore the news that her creator, the American artist, Mr. Charles Dana Gibson, is visiting London will be of wide interest (remark the *Daily Chronicle*.) Mr. Gibson found his wonderful types of young, fresh, healthy womanhood, among his wife's relatives. The first Gibson girl he drew was a portrait of his wife, formerly Miss Irene Langhorne, of Virginia, and the originals of others were her sisters, one of whom is Lady Astor.

By the Yare.

I am sure I saw a Pixy
On the marsh beside the Yare,
Though the wee folk are so
trickys,

If they think you're watching
there!

Purple loosestrife, mustard
yellow,

Made a forest round the elf,
And the littlest merriest fellow,
Dancing nimbly by himself.

Then a car of Yarmouth trippers
Crossed the bridge above the
Yare,

They were out for tea and
kippers,

To the concertina's blare—
As they passed they bellowed
"Dixie!"

Till the loosestrife shook with
pain—

And my little friend the Pixy,
Never danced for me again!

—G. B. S., in *The Morning Post*.

The Bell Branch.

Angus has shaken his magical
bough
And set the bells a-swinging;
The wounded warriors feel no
pain,

And sorrowful ladies smile again
At the music of their ringing.
Two wonderful birds follow
after him now,

So clear and true their singing,
So sweet and shrill, no mortal will
Resist the sleep they're bringing.

O Angus, Angus, Master of Love,
Shiver your branch to-day
And over the hills, with the
clouds above,

Carry my soul away;
Let me dwell in your green-walled
liss,

With flowery garlands crowned,
Where I shall feel the joy and the
bliss

Which here I have not found,
—Barbara Drummond in the
Windsor Magazine

Fort.

Boil It Down.

"An Oriental despot ordered his
sages to compress all their wisdom
into one encyclopedia. They
laboured for ten years, and returned
with a caravan of a hundred
thousand volumes. "The angry
king ordered the wise men to com-
press their library. They returned
in ten years with a caravan of ten
thousand volumes. The king was now
too old to read ten thousand volumes.
He ordered them to compress them
into one. "In ten years a totter-

ing savant returned with one
huge volume strapped to a weary
camel's back. But the king was
dying. He expired as the Book of
Wisdom was laid at his feet.

"That is the parable of the French
Note," says the *Daily Express*,
"Let us boil it down before we are
all dead of diplomacy."

How the English Channel was
Formed.

The Geological Association has
just given a week's study of the
Boulonnais. The marked feature
of the area visited is that it is a bit
of Kent across the Channel. As a
member of the party pointed out,
in the distant past Kent was joined
to the mainland, and the South
Downs extended across what is now
the English Channel into the
Boulonnais, with a river intersecting
them. This river, in the course
of time, caused such erosion of the
chalk that the sea was let through,
and the English Channel thus
formed. But beneath the sea the
same chalk Downs still run, and it
will be through these—if the
scheme is ever brought to fruition
—the Channel Tunnel will be cut.

The Tees Conservancy Commis-
sioners state that a diver has located
a seaplane sunk near the former
Admiralty submarine base at
Eston, Yorkshire.

With Viscount Peel, Secretary
of State for India, Mr. C. A. Innes,
I.C.S., and Mr. D. M. Dalal, of
Bombay (High Commissioner for
India), represented India at the
Imperial Economic Conference.

At a dinner given at the Hotel
Cecil, Strand, W.C., by Mr. John
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THE EMPIRE'S LANGUAGES.

We are all familiar with the crusted statement—a statement coined we imagine to impress upon our minds the extent of the British Empire, that it is an Empire upon which the sun never sets. The nature and extent of the Empire has now been suggested in an entirely different manner, in words that still convey the nature of the vastness of the King's dominions—that the number of distinct languages spoken within the confines of these scattered realms is no fewer, and possibly more than, 800. That is a striking fact and an additional comment on the birth of Empire and the great responsibilities to which the British race has been called. The number given hardly gives a correct impression of the complexities of dialects and tongues in many sections of the Empire. In India for instance it appears that 500 different tongues are spoken, while in Africa the diversity is so great that in some sections half a dozen villages in the same district may each possess a separate language.

The fact that Englishmen coming in contact with natives speaking these tongues should be equipped with them, has of course been realised. Government officials, as in our own Colony, are as a matter of course set to learn the language the moment they arrive at the place to which they have been sent. Apart from this the matter has engaged the attention of the authorities of the University of London who have authorised a project for an institute of phonetics large enough to cope with every tongue which is under the British flag. It is possible under this scheme for a world-sojourner in China to get a grounding in the tones and characters of the Chinese language, and incidentally to realise

wherein lies its difficulties. There is naturally little doubt that the organisation of such a place of study is likely to do much toward welding into a whole the various parts of the Empire and arousing in members of our subject races a stronger regard for the parent country than heretofore. The pioneer services of missionaries, and in many cases of Government officials of a sympathetic and studious turn of mind, in translating native languages and dialects, and devising methods of study, and compiling dictionaries, cannot be too strongly stressed and sincerely acknowledged. In one way it proves that the incident of the Tower of Babel leading to confusion of tongues and therefore confusion in thought, was a very serious matter. Such efforts as those contemplated by, and carried out in part by the University of London authorities, is a tremendous step which, until English becomes not merely the spoken language of these scattered sections, but of the world, one in the right direction.

The scheme is one of practicality as well for not only will it benefit and be of great importance to the administrator, but also to the trader. That much has been recognised locally in the establishment of classes whereby our young mercantile assistants may acquire a grounding in the Cantonese language or dialect to enable them to converse with those with whom they have to deal.

Amateur Ideals In Sport.

Mr. Amos Alonzo Stagg, who served as member of the American Committee for the Olympic Games in 1906, 1908, 1912 and 1916 has contributed an interesting article to the *Christian Science Monitor*, in which he appeals to sporting editors to uphold amateur ideals in sport. He states "that it is notorious that the fundamental idea of professional sport is to get all you can, no matter how you get it. That is why it is professional. There may be nothing illegal, there may be nothing dishonest about it. To many this may appear too sweeping a statement. However, few will deny that there is a vast difference between the goals of the average professional and of the majority of

amateurs in the world of sport. Of course, Mr. Stagg is writing of sport in the United States, where the commercial aspect has made sad inroads in recent years. This undesirable state of affairs, Mr. Stagg asserts, is mainly due to the sporting newspapers, concentrating too much on professional sport and too little on amateur activities. The professional element in Association Football in England is held by many to have done immense harm to the game and to be indirectly responsible for the comparatively lower standard of amateur football. We can remember the days when Reading, Maidenhead and Marlow (in Berkshire) all had amateur teams only and when the Swifts had their headquarters on the old Dolphin Ground at Slough (Bucks). In the South, we recall the days when both Lancing and Brighton Colleges entered teams for the Sussex Cup. Commercialized sport, however, became the rage and amateur teams became back numbers. We maintain that the inroad of professionalism can never benefit sport and often works immense harm. To quote Mr. Stagg again, "the fundamental idea of amateur sport is to give—that is, to give the best that one has, in order to produce a worth-while accomplishment purely for individual honour or team success." In Hongkong we have leagues in practically every branch of sport and it is the duty of the press to stress that no "fundamental idea of professional sport" is allowed to gain a footing. Speaking at a meeting held at the Victoria Recreation Club on Monday evening for the purpose of forming a Billiards League in Hongkong, Mr. T. C. Wiltbell, the Chairman, said:

"That another important point which arose was as to the qualifications necessary for a man to play for a Club. He added that the subject had arisen in the Press over another branch of sport, and thought it better that they should be quite clear before starting the league." With becoming humility we claim that the publicity given to the subject referred to has been beneficial. Press publicity, again, has resulted in nothing but favourable comment on the starting at the last Gymkhana. It may be asked how amateur ideals in sport enter into either of the examples quoted. In the first case it is not in the interest of amateur ideals in sport that any Club in the Colony should lay itself open to the charge of having "rung in" a player. In the second instance, it would spell disaster if gentlemen riders were allowed to attempt to "beat the flag" with impunity. In both instances the agitation in our columns called forth a good deal of adverse comment at the time; which, however, has been more than offset by the results achieved in our efforts to maintain amateur ideals in sport.

Verbum Sapienda.
Reporters are a maligned race receiving infinitely more kicks than punches. When therefore a bouquet is handed to them by a prominent litterateur as Mr. St. John Irvine, dramatic critic, novelist and playwright, simple justice demands that the fact be made known. Mr. St. John Irvine tells of a town councillor who complained that the reporters garbled his speeches and put words into his mouth which he had never used. His remonstrance was not made in tactful terms, and the reporters took a terrible revenge on him. They reported his next speech exactly as he delivered it. The councillor was shocked and surprised at the result, and now feels that even if the reporters did on occasions put words into his mouth that he had not used, his speeches were all the better for them. "The punishment," writes Mr. St. John Irvine, "was a severe one, and I should not care to suffer it myself. I never receive a verbatim report of a speech made by me without feeling that there is nothing for me to do but sit down by the waters of Babylon and weep. Was I the speaker of this mess of untidy sentences? Did these ill-dressed words issue from my mouth? If so, how comes it that no one protested? Why was the chairman so remiss in the performance of his vague duties that he did not publicly rebuke me for misusing the parts of speech? Such questions as those crowd on to the tip of my tongue when I see a verbatim report of one of my speeches, and so far am I from following the example of the town councillor that I fervently thank my stars that the reporters were kind enough to give my sentences a decent shape. . . . It seems to me that all speeches should be in two forms, the spoken form and the written form: one for the audience and the other for the press. But, when I come to think of it, that is what actually happens to all speeches. The reporters have been doing this job for us for generations, but no one has thanked them for it. On the contrary, blame has been cast upon them. The amendment must be made. I hereby make it. We who speak in public are deeply in their debt. To which it only remains to add for the benefit of some of our local public men whom the cap well fits—*verbum sapienda*.

Today's Poem.

(Romance in Names.)
Around the good world's wide expanse
Are places great and small
Whose names fair tangle with romance—
And I would see them all:
There is Cairo, Fez, and Ispahan,
Bangkok and Singapore,
And Tebzonde and Cagayan,
And Rio and Lahore.

There's Sarawak and Calao,
Algiers and Kandahar,
Khartum, Rangoon, and Tokyo,
Bombay and Zanzibar;
About the name of each there clings
Enchantment's golden veil,
The wonder of strange folk and things—
The glamour of the trail!

For some are north and some are south,
And some are east and west,
And some are cuped with heat and drought,
And some with hail are blessed;
But Capetown, Rhodes or Disco Bay,
Shanghai, Seville, or Rome,
Their names come singing down the way,
To tempt me forth from home,
Their magic's ringing down the way,
To lure me forth from home!

—BRETON BRADLEY.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

OCTOBER 12.
1771. If one can depend on any season, it is on the chill suns of October, which, like an elderly beauty, are less capricious than spring or summer.—Walpole.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

October 12.—Coronet Theatre; Johnnie Walker in "Captain Fly-by-night." Buster Keaton in "The Pale Face."
October 12.—Star Theatre; Reginald Denny in "The Kentucky Derby."
October 12.—World Theatre; William Farnum in "A Tale of Two Cities."
October 13.—Dance at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.
October 13.—Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps third and final promenade concert of the season.
November 2.—Navy League Ball at City Hall, 9.30 p.m.

October 12.—13.—Sale of work in aid of Building Fund at St. Paul's Girls' School, 74, Caine Road, from 2 to 9 p.m.

LAND SALE.
October 15.—At P. W. D. Offices, two lots of Crown Land, 3 p.m.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.
October 13.—Lammet Bros., at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, a quantity of miscellaneous goods, etc., at 11 a.m.

October 16.—Lammet Bros., at "Kingsclere," Kennedy Road, 2.30 p.m.

October 19.—Lammet Bros., at Messrs. Lapique & Co.'s offices, Queen's Building, 11 a.m.

October 20.—Lammet Bros., at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, S.L. "Tonkinia," at noon.

MEETINGS.
October 15.—Extraordinary general meetings at Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, of the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., and the Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., at 11 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. respectively.

October 19.—Meeting of Creditors of the Hongkong Hide and Leather Co. Ltd., (in liquidation) at the offices of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, 5 Queen's Road Central, noon.

MORALITY.

My dear old Mother said:
(And she was younger then)
"Twas 'Love for one another—
For God as well as Men."
My dear old Teacher said:
(And she was very sweet)
"Twas 'Love for righteousness—
Avoiding sins we meet."
My plucky Sweetheart said:
(And she was innocent)
"Twas 'Not to kiss too much—
I wondered what she meant."
Oh, yes, the Church-folk said:
(I'm sure they meant we well)
"Avoid the things you like to do
For fear you'll go to Hell!"
And then the girl who knew,
(And she is now my wife)
Said: "Tis the moral thing to do
To love but one for life."

And then Experience taught me,
(A rather tough old bird)
"Tis play the game with others—
For honor and my word!"

JOHN KYOTO.

GERMAN TRADERS.

ELIGIBLE AS MEMBERS OF
H. K. G. C.
VIEWS OF MR. BLAIR.

"So far no applications have been received from German traders for admission to membership of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce," said Mr. D. K. Blair, the Secretary, in reply to a *China Mail* enquiry.

When asked what the attitude of the Chamber was likely to be in the event of Germans applying for membership, Mr. Blair said the usual procedure would be followed. The question of nationality does not enter into the matter at all. Candidates for admission must be proposed by one member, and seconded by another, and elected at the annual general meetings by a majority of the votes of the members. Candidates may also be elected by the Committee in the interval between annual meetings, but their election, in such cases, is subject to confirmation at the next annual general meeting.

Mr. Blair, when told that the belief seemed prevalent in certain quarters that resentment aroused during the war by German actions had not died down, pointed out that the German nation was no longer in a state of war with Great Britain. He had no doubt that any German trader, who was a respectable member of society and well sponsored in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Chamber would be admitted to membership. "The Chamber is out for trade," Mr. Blair said at parting.

LOCAL BOXING.

HOPES OF REMOVING
COLOUR LINE.

On the return of Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson, K.C.B., an attempt will be made by the Hongkong Boxing Association to have the ban against service men engaging in contests with coloured fighters removed. This information was gathered by a *China Mail* man in conversation this morning with Mr. C. G. Tinson, honorary secretary and treasurer of the Hongkong Boxing Association.

With regard to the challenge of Telegraphist Davies of H. M. S. "Dionide" to fight Iron Bux at the welter-weight limit, Mr. Tinson pointed out that under the present "colour ban," it was unlikely that the fight would take place. Asked whether the Boxing Association would arrange a fight for Davies, Mr. Tinson stated that the Association would need to see him in action before reaching a decision. Mr. Tinson added that Davies' statement that his credentials were with him (Mr. Tinson) was not correct. They might be with the Manager of the Association. Mr. Tinson recalled that last year, after the Boxing Association had arranged a fight for Davies, he had let them down badly at the last moment.

The annual meeting of the Association will probably be held next week, when arrangements for the season will be discussed. If only the consent of the Naval and Military Authorities can be obtained to the withdrawal of the colour ban, some interesting matches might easily be arranged.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Miss O'Keefe, whose work in the recent classical concerts had a lot to do with their success, announces the opening of her classes in all the latest styles of dancing including the more popular ball-room types.

Marshal Wu Pei-fu has arrived in Hankow, states the Chinese press. Wu is said to be conferring with his colleagues regarding the Hunan and Szechuan situation. It is understood that as a result of these deliberations, strong northern reinforcements will be despatched against the "rebellious" Hunanese and Szechuanese.

A wrestling match will take place on the U. S. R. C. Ground on 14th October at 5 p.m. between Gama, an Indian champion, and Brahman, a Lachman. Das. The match is the outcome of a challenge by the Indian champion who has been visiting Bangkok, Penang and Singapore. At each of these places Gama issued a challenge to wrestle anyone; the challenge was accepted and on each occasion the champion won. There will be three wrestling matches besides the above.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bell returned to the Colony by the "Kamo Maru."

Sir Francis Aglen, Inspector-General of Customs, is expected to sail for China from Vancouver by the "Empress of Russia" on October 18.

EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

FINE SITE SELECTED FOR
HONGKONG.

The *China Mail* has received the following from the British Empire Exhibition Joint Committee:

The plan of the Hongkong Section of the British Empire Exhibition has now been received in the Colony. A rectangular site, roughly 35,000 square feet in extent, has been allotted to Hongkong, and the building plan, designed by Mr. H. W. Bird, who is at present in England, makes excellent and effective use of the area.

The principal buildings abut on a public road and occupy one of the longer sides of the rectangle. An attractive frontage is presented to the road, but of course, the principal decorative effects are reserved for the facades within the grounds. Dominating all is the Chinese restaurant, a large building with typical Chinese roof or tile ornaments. On either side are pavilions for European exhibits and beyond these the entrance and exit doorways, surmounted by towers of Chinese architecture. Beyond the doorways are, in one case, an office building, and in the other the space which will be occupied by the model of Hongkong. The remaining three sides of the rectangle are occupied by Chinese shops similar to those in Queen's Road. These buildings have two storeys and are fronted by a verandah ten feet wide.

It is difficult to convey in words a picture of the general appearance of the Hongkong Section, but perhaps the lay-out will be clear if it is stated that the visitor, on entering, sees on the right the models of Hongkong Island and of the whole Colony. On the left will be the pavilion probably containing the two dockyard exhibits. Before him he will have a general view of the Chinese shops, right, left and in front, all gay with signboards, flags and gilding. Continuing to the left the visitor's attention will be attracted at once by the handsome facade of the Chinese restaurant, to which access will be afforded by two stairways which are important features of the general design of the building. The shape of the site and the lay-out adopted give the distinct advantage that visitors will readily see.

ASTOR HOUSE SUED.

JUDGMENT IS RESERVED
RE TAILOR'S CLAIM.

In the case before Mr. Justice Gompertz, in which Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Simpson are suing the Astor House Hotel to recover \$1,000 on a claim for improper distress, judgment was reserved at the conclusion of yesterday's hearing.

After Mr. and Mrs. Simpson had given evidence, Mr. A. W. Hill, barrister, was called. Mr. Hill stated that he received instructions to act on an order of distraint, and he went to the plaintiffs' room in the hotel for the purpose of acting on the order. He did remember seeing some paper-patterns there, but these were considered of no value and destroyed.

Mr. M. A. Vas, manager of the Astor House Hotel, in the course of his evidence, stated that plaintiffs engaged room No. 23 in the Hotel at a monthly rental of \$150.00 to be paid in advance. This sum was not paid for the month of August, and plaintiffs was not in the Hotel, and so the goods were seized under an order of distraint. With regard to the incident of the cheque book he denied that he ever saw the plaintiffs' pass book. On the day following, a man whom he knew to be a plain clothes detective came to the Hotel for the purpose, he said, of taking Mr. Simpson away. Mrs. Simpson had previously told witness that she had asked the police to remove her husband to the lunatic asylum.

Mr. Brewer—You made a remark about the lunatic asylum; do you maintain that that is a truthful remark?—Well, if there is any untruth, it came from the mouth of Mrs. Simpson.

Mr. Brewer—I suggest that this remark was actuated by motive of spite?—No.

Resuming in the afternoon Mr. Vaux, in his closing remarks described parts of Mr. Simpson's evidence as highly improbable.

Mr. Brewer, in his closing speech, went over a lot of the ground covered in his opening speech and pointed out that Mr. Simpson had suffered, in addition to other things, many personal discomforts. He had lost his false teeth and spectacles, amongst other things, whilst on the business side he had lost cloth patterns which he had taken over 20 years to collect.

Asked by his Lordship if Mr. Simpson had a spare set of false teeth, Mr. Brewer, after consulting his client, said that he had not and added that up to that moment he had been put to the inconvenience of doing without them.

His Lordship, at the conclusion of Mr. Brewer's speech, said there were many points he would have to consider. He would therefore reserve his decision.

SUNK IN SUMATRA.

RIVER STEAMER'S FATE.
[China Mail Special.]

SINGAPORE, October 11.

The steamer "Hongkiat" belonging to the Hong Ho Company has sunk in the Siak River, Sumatra. There were no casualties but it is feared the cargo is lost.

EASMA CLUB.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR.

The following extracts are taken from the report of the committee of the Ex-Active Service Men's Association which is to be presented at the second annual general meeting to be held in the Club Rooms, on Tuesday, October 23, at 5.30 p.m.:

"Our gross turnover including subscriptions and fees was approximately \$41,000. In addition we received a donation of \$10,000 from Sir Paul Chater of which \$6,000 was invested in a mortgage at 7% interest. Our trading profit from all sources including Bar refreshments and Billiards was approximately \$12,000. On the Bathing Beach and other amusements we spent \$2,500 of which \$1,000 was appropriated from Sir Paul Chater's donation. Our Bad and irrecoverable debts amount to \$370 which is less than 1% and I think you will agree that this is a satisfactory figure."

"The growth of the Association during the past year has been remarkable. In October, 1927, the membership was 329. During the year 243 new members joined making a total membership of 572. From this number must be deducted 14 resignations and 3 deaths, which leave the present membership strength at 555."

"During the past year the following members of the General Committee resigned: Messrs. H. A. Rodgers, H. Griffin (on leave), A. M. Bowes-Smith (Treasurer), R. Stock, F. P. Franklin and H. Buie, while the appointments to the Committee were Messrs. R. Batson, H. Buie, J. Murray and M. Hourihan. Mr. A. S. Hersee was appointed Hon. Treasurer, vice Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith."

"We regret to note that up to the present time the Association has received only one payment of its share of the interest of the Chater Endowment Fund, viz., \$500 in January, for the period 15th May, 1922 to 15th November, 1922. No further payments have yet been received, although the Association has requested the Trustees of the Fund to pay the interest to date."

"Through the generosity of Sir John Fowler, arrangements were made for a lease to the Association of the Esama Bathing Beach at Stonecutters. The Beach was opened on May 15. During the season 67 trips were made with a total of 2,860 passengers. These figures do not include members and visitors who used private launches. During the typhoon, we had the misfortune of having a large part of the Dressing Room Matched destroyed. Opportunity was given to the members of the British Legion to avail themselves of the use of the Beach."

"Your Committee regret to report the death of three members during the year, Mr. W. Neale, Mr. C. B. Craigie and Mr. H. J. Hooper. A number of bowls and billiard matches were played with various clubs, of which most of the billiard matches were successfully contested."

Sir Paul Chater again demonstrated his keen interest in the progress of the Association by a generous gift of \$10,000. The money was presented with no restrictions, Sir Paul leaving its disposal to the discretion of the General Committee. Mr. W. L. Shenton also subscribed his annual donation of \$50.

An Esama Cup was presented by the Association to the Victoria Recreation Club for competition at their last Athletic Meeting.

The matter of new Club premises has been seriously considered by your Committee, but owing to the high rents prevailing, as well as the opinion that the present abnormal rents will decrease in the near future, and also owing to the fact that satisfactory arrangements have been made with regard to the present gymnasium, no immediate change has been contemplated."

"During the year it was considered advisable to institute a service of meals at the Club Room, that is, tiffin, teas and meals at odd hours. This enterprise was well received and has been availed of by over a thousand members during the year. Considerable work has been carried out to assist Ex-Active Service men in distress. Positions have been found for quite a number of men and many distressed Ex-Active Service men leaving the Colony have been furnished with clothing. In addition, a number of men have been maintained for different periods at various institutions in the Colony."

A fund was opened in aid of the London Hospital, by which a sum of \$211.20 was realised."

"CHANGSHA" STRANDING.

COURT OF INQUIRY.

HOW MISHAP OCCURRED.

SERIES OF DAPPLING COINCIDENCES.

A Court of Inquiry sat at the Harbour Office this morning to investigate the stranding of the "Changsha," which went ashore on the Tiki Bank, near Sandakan, on August 19, on her way from Sydney to Hongkong.

The Harbour Master (Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N.) presided and the other members of the Court were: Lieut. J. B. Parnall, R.N. (H.M.S. "Bluebell"), Captain W. Davidson (Marine Superintendent of the C.P.S.S.), Captain D. Evans (S.S. "Eburna") and Captain A. D. Kohnan (S.S. "Hin Sang").

Mr. E. Davidson, who appeared on behalf of the master and officers of the "Changsha," told the Court that the stranding was due to a series of quite remarkable circumstances. On August 18 when the ship was making for the Sibutu passage the Chief Officer made an observation from his starboard. It was, unfortunately, incorrect owing to a clerical error resulting in the misplacement of a figure. The ship's position was actually 5 miles further to the north than the Chief Officer's observation made it and it was also some distance to the east. This mistake was not in any way the cause of the stranding but unfortunately the position obtained by the incorrect observation coincided precisely with the ship's "dead reckoning," plus a five miles southerly set which the master's previous experience in these waters led him to expect. As a consequence it was naturally accepted as a correct observation and the Captain anticipated that the ship would be set further to the southward and that at two o'clock next morning he would be likely to sight Sibutu Island ahead. He also anticipated that at that hour he would be within range of the light at the southern extremity of Sibutu Island. The light itself, Mr. Davidson declared, was not a very reliable guide because, according to Captain Gambrell's experience, it was as often unfit as fit.

The second coincidence was that the ship sighted the island of Manuk in precisely the position where the Captain expected to see the island of Sibutu and at such an angle that the contents of the two islands were identical. Had she been a mile or two further to the northward or eastward this mistake would not have occurred. At 3.5 a.m. on the 19th the ship was seen to be heading for what appeared to be a rainstorm and three minutes later she went aground.

The cause of the alteration in the ship's position was, Mr. Davidson indicated, a northerly set which must have been a very strong one because the ship was 17 miles north-east of the position she was supposed to have been in. If any one of the various accidents which led up to the stranding had been different Captain Gambrell would have been warned that he was off his course and would have been able to take steps to avoid it. If there had been anything suspicious about the "Changsha's" position he would have stopped and turned her until daylight. Everything, however, conspired to lead him to suppose that his ship was exactly where he supposed her to be. Mr. Davidson added that after the stranding everything possible was done to save the ship and to look after the cargo and passengers.

The Captain's Story.

Captain F. J. Gambrell, master of the "Changsha," then gave evidence. He said the ship belonged to Messrs. J. S. Yuill and Co., of Sydney, which port she left on August 2 for Hongkong.

Captain Gambrell gave details of the observations made on August 18 when the ship was making for the Sibutu passage. He said the result of these observations was exactly what he expected. He had been twelve years master of the "Changsha" and had been calling in at Sandakan for seven years. He had always encountered a northerly set in the eastward half of the Celebes Sea and a southerly set in the western half which generally increased on approaching the passage. When he was called at 2 a.m. on August 19 he expected to see Sibutu Island on the port bow and at 2.30 an island appeared in that direction. On previous occasions he had sometimes slowed down till daylight when passing through these straits but on this occasion as the observations coincided with the log, the visibility was good, and the island appeared just where he expected to see it, he felt confident it was Sibutu Island. He was about four miles off the island and at 2.55 a.m. he altered to a mid-channel course. Ahead he saw a dark streak which appeared to be a rain squall and he gave orders for the ship to go full astern and the helm to be put hard a starboard.

The Wrong Island.

At 3.5 a.m. the ship went aground and he subsequently discovered that the island was not Sibutu Island at

NAVY LEAGUE BALL.

WHAT IT IS IN AID OF.

When the public of this Colony realize the objects of the above Ball there can be no doubt there will be a brisk demand for the tickets for that function, which will take place in the City Hall, on Friday the 2nd November and will be the first big Ball of the season.

Tickets at \$5-a head, are now obtainable as advertised in our columns.

The Navy League, which is a patriotic and strictly non-party organization, has inter alia, specially interested itself in the question of the relief of the Widows and children of Men of the Royal Navy, Mercantile Marine and Auxiliary forces who lost their lives in the War, and the Head Office in London has succeeded in raising nearly half a million pounds sterling for the above purpose.

But there is still urgent need of yet further funds, and the Head Office has accordingly appealed to us out here to do our bit to help in the good cause.

We feel confident that the people of Hongkong, who owe so much to the untiring exertions and patriotic self-sacrifice of the Royal Navy, Mercantile Marine and Auxiliary Forces throughout the Great War, will willingly bear their share in the above necessary task and will not be content to leave the burden of this duty to be borne solely by the people of Great Britain.

As Admiral Jellicoe said in his message to the children of New Zealand:

"The sea is our life. By the use of it the Empire was formed. By holding it the Empire was preserved. If we fail to appreciate its value, the Empire will perish."

HOME MAIL.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kalyan" arrived in port this morning with letters from home, dated September 13, and parcels of September 5.

all her Manuk Island. The ship had been set 17 miles North and East in 81 hours. Boats were lowered after the ship grounded, the passengers were called and S.O.S. signals were sent out. Soundings were taken and when he discovered the ship was making water he gave orders for the engines to be stopped. The passengers were given lifeboats and extra provisions and blankets were put on deck in case of emergency. He then went down and told the passengers he did not consider there was any immediate danger and assistance would probably reach them next day from Sandakan. He said the ship was well on the reef and could not be got out until the cargo was shifted. Steps were then taken to jettison the meat carried in the No. 1 hold as it would undoubtedly go putrid. Next day water was reported in the No. 2 hold. A steamer arrived from Sandakan and the passengers and their luggage, mails and 450 tons of cargo were transferred to her and sent to Sandakan. Wires and anchors were put out to keep the ship on the reef until the holes were plugged up. A pearl diver examined the ship's bottom and reported that there was a hole about 6 feet long. On September 21 the Taihooking arrived and the ship was towed off at half tide. Temporary repairs were effected at Sandakan and the ship was then brought to Hongkong.

Officers as Coolies

Captain Gambrell said he could not speak too highly of the way the officers and engineers worked together. They had a difficult job in shifting the meat after it had been a week rotting in the hold. The coolies at Sandakan refused to work it and the problem was solved by witness and the officers going down into the hold and shifting it. Next day the sailors worked on it. They had rather on anxious time on the reef before the "Taihook" arrived owing to the exceptionally high tides and the danger of the ship being washed off the reef.

In regard to the observations, witness said that on arriving in Hongkong he reported the matter to the Harbour Master and asked for an inquiry.

In reply to the Chairman, Capt. Gambrell said that when he left Sydney he was carrying 16 European passengers and about 20 Chinese. The United States Government was responsible for the upkeep of the light on Sibutu Island.

The Chief Officer of the "Changsha," Mr. A. M. Frame was called next. He said he had been twelve years on the ship and had been master part of the time. A number of technical questions were put to him by the Court about the stellar observation taken by him the evening before the stranding.

The Third Officer, Mr. F. E. Stanford, also gave evidence and the Court then adjourned. The Chairman indicated that the finding would be announced to-morrow morning.

SPORTS NEWS.

CO-ORDINATION NEEDED.

As the result of information being sent in piecemeal, the method of publishing sport announcements in the local press is uncoordinated and far from satisfactory. Some club secretaries cannot be praised too highly for the work they do to give the necessary information to the sport-loving public. But there are others who are content to leave their team names out and trust to chance to have their fixtures announced. In other sport centres, club secretaries invariably favour the press with their list of fixtures at the beginning of the season and the names of the teams to play are generally sent in time for publication a day or so before the match is played.

The following from the annual report of the Shanghai Football Association is worth considering and can be applied to all forms of sport:—

"At the beginning of the season the co-operation of the local press and club secretaries was secured with the result that throughout the remainder of the season the following system of publicity was adhered to:—

"On Tuesdays, in all papers, a brief schedule of the following Saturday's fixtures was published. "On Wednesdays, the up-to-date tables of the first and second leagues, and any information of general interest, appeared.

"In the evening papers on Fridays and in the morning papers on Saturdays, a complete list of fixtures for the Saturday afternoon appeared, together with the names of players and referees."

The Model Settlement's report goes on to say that the system worked admirably from the beginning and resulted in "local football having, on definite days, all relevant information concerning Shanghai soccer."

In Hongkong football is played in only a few centres and it would not be humanly impossible to get the results. But in cricket which is played at Happy Valley, Causeway Bay, Pokfulam and Kowloon, not to speak of the Club Ground in town, it would be too much to expect the press to call at all the clubs to get their results on the Sunday. A uniform system can only be brought about by the earnest co-operation of club secretaries and it is the opinion of many, that the *maskee* spirit which has been in vogue for years, should be done away with. It sounds like making work of sport but there must be a number of enthusiasts who would go through a little drudgery for the betterment of the game. In Australia, thousands of pounds were guaranteed to bring the S.C.A. team there. The object was to popularise the Soccer code and the profits will be devoted to that object. If they can afford that in a place where only a small minority know of the game it would surely be worth while to spend a few minutes each week in giving the necessary information to the press.

Approval of the suggestion would be appreciated and the *China Mail* will adhere to any system which, if found workable, will be of the best use to the public. Will the secretaries kindly communicate with us?

FIRE AT CANTON.

THREE MILLION DOLLARS' DAMAGE.

Our Canton correspondent, writing under date of October 10, says: A fire broke out on the top floor of the aerodrome this afternoon at half-past two and caused damage estimated at \$3,000,000 dollars. The big hydro-plane, which was in the water at the time, was towed to safety but a number of other machines were destroyed.

For the 24 hours ending yesterday, three cases of small-pox (Chinese) and one case of paratyphoid (British) appear in the Health Returns.

At Newport (Mon.) Thomas John Finnis, 54, a relieving officer, who was found at Southsea with injuries to his throat, was remanded on a charge of stealing about £2,000 belonging to the Newport guardians.

TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the *China Mail* are charged for at the rate of \$1 each (as announced in May and June of 1922) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising column at the prevailing rates.

MME. PAYLOVA.

THE TRUE ART OF THE DANCE.

Nobody's views on dancing should be of greater value than those of Mme. Pavlova, the great master of artistic dancing.

Mme. Pavlova gave her opinions on the subject of the modern craze for ballroom dancing to a *Daily Mail* reporter. She does not speak fluent English, but in her broken language will be evident both her passionate devotion to artistic dancing, and her contempt for that kind of dancing which merely represents an unhealthy craving.

Here is the interview: Pavlova had just danced a movement of a famous role, and had come to rest as lightly as a thistle-down, during a few minutes' interval. She is extremely sensitive, fastidious, and artistic; it was obvious I should have to lead up delicately to my subject, that the transition of atmosphere should not be too crude. So I murmured a vague remark on the healthiness and happiness of dancing.

"Healthy, yes; and health is good for the soul," she commented. "But better still for the health of the mind is the 'ordered' movement—how can I say?—the Rule, the Law of the Dance, which art demands to obtain the balance for grace, the control for good taste, and restraint for beauty. So much, no more!"

She broke off and studied my expression suspiciously.

"Ah!" she exclaimed, "but I perceive you have an intention in your observation. Ah! to-day, that is no question of 'The Dance,' which is old as the world and natural as nature!"

"It is the dance of civilisation—the ball-room—quite another thing! No, I will no more be what you call it."

"But," she exclaimed to my coaxing, "think! What can we who devote our lives, our brains, our souls to the art of the Dance—who must obey its Laws, which demand restraint, sacrifice—oh, how difficult to explain—how can we be asked to consider seriously the dances of to-day which are amusement, sensation, *intime*?"

"Would you consider it at least conducive to health and happiness?" Her eyes grew thoughtful, even grave.

"GRIED FOR SENSATION. "Is there not for some time much talk of what yourselves call a 'craze' for dancing; is it not so? 'Evening, afternoon, as well as night, and every . . . a craze, *eh*?' " "That is so."

"How then can a craze be healthy—or happy? It is a craze, a *soif*, for an excitement that does not satisfy. Never to be satisfied, never to have enough . . . it is a fever of the nerves—a disease! There is no mental control, no balance. It is not even the 'never satisfied' of the artist. . . . It is the greed for personal sensation. No—but if the dance can so affect, it make 'crazy.' Can a crazy person be healthy . . . or happy?"

Considerable damage was done to two rooms in the headquarters of the Eastern Command in the Horse Guards, Whitehall, S.W., by fire. Much woodwork had to be removed before the outbreak could be located.

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THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

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ROWING IN HONGKONG. INTERESTING REVIEW.

It is very gratifying for an old and interested oarsman to watch the present activities in the V.R.C. and the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club on the occasion of training for the Interport Events at Shanghai, 3rd and 4th November. Great improvements have, in the general interest in rowing are yet to take place to make Hongkong the ideal centre for this healthy sport in the Far East; this our Crown Colony can rightly claim in view of its ideal and beautiful harbour, which should tempt all healthy youths to take this easy chance of spending their spare time on the water by taking up this fine recreation.

GOOD MATERIAL.

Our two local rowing clubs are in possession of exceptionally good rowing materials, and it is unfortunate that the great number of boats, which have been obtained by these clubs at very considerable expense indeed, are not fully taken advantage of. Furthermore, both clubs are in possession of several old and skilled oarsmen who will be only too pleased to take beginners in hand and give them the necessary coaching. In this respect it is indeed very pleasant to watch the training of our Interport Crews. We see some of the colony's old oarsmen daily spending their time in the ungrateful work of making our crews as perfect as possible and it is certainly gratifying to see the improvements they have been able to make especially on taking into consideration that several of the oarsmen are practically beginners. It is positively certain that when the final touch has been put to these crews before their departure for Shanghai on the 25th inst. they will be a very strong combination and no doubt give the Shanghai oarsmen a keen race.

GOOD COACHES.

The gentlemen whom the V.R.C. and the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club generally, and the Interport team in particular, are greatly indebted to are Messrs. C. McI Messer, Carpenter, Franklin and Shields as well as the Captain of our Interport Team, Mr. Macnamara. Not only are these gentlemen exceptionally good coaches indeed, but they can show the younger oarsmen "how to row" as well. If anybody will go to the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club on any Wednesday afternoon, they will see this veteran crew, whose average age more than 45 years, at practice. The snappy and skilful way in which they handle their oars will simply astonish the onlooker and speak for itself as to the healthiness of this sport.

I can also recommend the younger men of this Colony to look around at the various heads and leading men of big concerns in this colony, and they will in many cases find them to be well-known ex-oarsmen who, no doubt will greatly appreciate seeing their juniors take up this sport, which they have for various reasons been compelled to give up themselves but are still following with great interest.

THE INTERPORT CREW.

When the invitation from Shanghai was first received by The Hongkong Clubs, it seemed a hopeless proposition to select a team which would have the slightest chance of making a fair show. However, a few of the older enthusiastic active oarsmen settled down to the task with enthusiasm to see what could be done and in this respect thanks are specially due to Mr. D. P. Logan who seemed to be in a position to dig out oarsmen from everywhere and none were too good or too bad to be given a fair trial. Naturally, and in view of the comparatively short time which was left for training a crew for such an important event as the one in question, lots of promising oarsmen had to be given up for the present, but it is hoped that these gentlemen will continue to show interest in rowing. They will have good opportunities to test their abilities at the various local Regattas to be held during the coming winter months. As regards the now practically selected Interport Crews for Eight, Four and Pairs, it is rather disheartening that no single reserve can be sent to Shanghai. Eight oarsmen, the Cox, and the Rowing Captain (who is a non-active oarsman) will be all we can send there, but it is to be hoped

that the crews will keep in good condition and that no reserves will be necessary. It will be pretty hard for a few of the oarsmen who will have to row in as many as three different races, but up Shanghai will very likely put up fresh crews for each race; nevertheless, our oarsmen are far from downhearted and in view of their general good condition it is hoped that these handicaps will not influence the results. Although there have been lately a few attacks of Flu, colds, etc., amongst the members of the Interport Crews, they are, generally speaking, in good condition and with yet another three weeks to go, they should be in the very best form at the time of the Regatta. The following are practically certain to form the crews going to Shanghai:—

EIGHT OARS.

Row.....A. W. Robson
Two.....J. B. de H. Moore
Three.....A. W. Groves
Four.....C. Earshaw
Five.....S. Berg
Six.....H. Dreyer
Seven.....B. Rasmussen
Stroke.....D. C. Logan

IMPROVEMENT.

Although it is a difficult proposition training eight oars in our harbour, in view of the rough water, some very great improvements have taken place and there is no doubt that with a few final touches, the crew, as mentioned above, will prove a good combination. Last Wednesday they had a very fine three minutes sprint, starting with about 30 strokes and settling down to an average of 36 strokes. This is very satisfactory indeed as a long steady stroke was kept up and that will be all they will be required to do at Shanghai. Very likely the crew will be going the full distance of a mile-and-a-half a few times during the next week which, by the way, will be specially confined to practising in eights as the boat which has kindly been lent to us by The Shanghai Rowing Club, will have to be returned in another week's time.

FOUR OARS:

Row.....D. C. Logan
Two.....B. Rasmussen
Three.....S. Berg
Stroke.....H. Dreyer

This is no doubt the best four which can be made up at the present moment, though they still need a little more practice. This specially refers to No. 2 who, it will be noticed, is rowing "Bow" side in the eights, and it naturally takes additional practice, to get entirely comfortable on "Stroke" side. However, as to the other three of the crew, they are all old hands and rowing very well together and generally speaking, the team is as good as any the colony has possessed for the last few years. It is also very pleasant to see that at the different practices the "four" made up from the rest of the eight are in a position to give the selected crew very close races, and naturally there should not be much difference between our best and second-best four.

PAIRS.

Bow.....S. Berg
Stroke.....H. Dreyer

This is practically certain to be the pair, although very likely a few of the younger oarsmen will challenge them for the position. As yet, however, no combination in this respect has been brought forward and it will be doubtful if any combination will be in a position to beat them. So far these two are unbeaten in Hongkong whenever they have rowed together, and as they are entirely familiar with one another's stroke and style, having rowed together for about three years, they will be a far better matched crew than the one which represented the colony during the last Interport Regatta and they are hopeful of regaining the honours for Hongkong in this particular event.

As regards Single Sculls, nobody has yet been selected for this event and it will most likely only be decided in Shanghai if the colony will enter at all, after having tested out its prospective representatives in the Shanghai boats. It is out of the question that Mr. Berg or Mr. Dreyer will take part in this event in view of their already being entered for the above-mentioned three events, but Mr. Moore and Mr. Logan will very likely compete for the honour. Both of these gentlemen, I understand, have had experience in sculls similar to the light-built Shanghai ones.

As regards Cox, nothing definite has been decided but very likely

FOR THE YULET IDE. MESSRS. TUCK'S FINE EFFORT.

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The world-wide and justly won reputation enjoyed by Messrs. Tuck's Christmas and New Year cards promises to be more than eclipsed by this year's wonderful collection, which comprises upwards of 3,000 beautiful designs embodying a host of distinctive features.

Appropriately the collection opens with the new series of Royal Christmas Cards reproduced by Gracious Permission from the original cards which once again Messrs. Tuck have had the honour of preparing for Their Majesties the King and Queen, and Queen Alexandra. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and Her Royal Highness Princess Mary.

While the all-round merit of the whole of this year's Christmas Cards is of a particularly high order, the following unique and topical Series are singled out for special mention:—The "Ebonette" Series, the "Jet Gems" and the "Broad-casting" Series take lead, while the "Sunny East," the "Ancient Egypt," the "Golden Sunshine," the "Peace and Goodwill," the "Sapphire," the "Silhouette Japonaise," the "Lucky Emblem," the "Monogram," the "Sunny East," the "Jennie Harbour Facsimiles," and the "Jennie Harbour Facsimiles," are all of the highest quality.

Of the famous "Pot Pourri" (perfumed) and "Broderie d'Art" Cards it is safe to say that the splendid range of entirely new designs will make these, the Ladies' Christmas Cards, more famous still. The "Old English Tapestry," the "Colour Grayscale," the "Dry Point Etchings," and the "Nature's Gems" are sure to be quoted amongst the most artistic productions in Christmas Cards.

"Father Tuck's Annual" make its 25th appearance in a form which will bring joy to the childish heart and the "Little People Annual" will, one may predict, take many a nursery by storm.

The young folk have, as usual, been very generously catered for and there is a profusion of beautiful toy books, painting books, panoramas and calico books of all sorts to choose from.

Messrs. Tuck's remarkable collection of Engravings, Photographs, Colour Prints, "Oilettes," Colour Facsimiles, etc., etc., has been amplified this year by a delightful series of original Etchings produced in limited proof Editions, each copy numbered and signed by the eminent Artist Etcher.

This famous Library for boys and girls comprises a range of 32 Books which for beauty of design, literature and printing are at once unique and unapproached. The latest additions "The Heroes" by Charles Kingsley, splendidly illustrated by Howard Davis, and by Washington Irving's "Tales of the Alhambra" with illustrations by A. A. Dixon and H. M. Brock, R.L., will take high rank in this popular Juvenile Library. Delightful new volumes of "Aesop's Fables" and "The Water Babies" illustrated respectively by Edwin Noble and Mabel Lucie Attwell, have been added.

There is this year a specially magnificent assortment of calendars, each of which is a delight to the eye and a credit to the firm who produced it. The fancy calendars are produced in many styles of varied designs and subjects, etchings, mezzotints, hand-coloured gravures, ebonette medallions and numerous joy-bringing garden and flower studies. Humorous Calendars, Panels, Velvet Silhouettes and the ever useful Pocket Calendars, are also provided in marvellous diversity.

HON. MR. LANG.

The many friends of the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang will learn with regret that he is a patient in the Peak Hospital. Mr. Lang entered the hospital on Wednesday night. On inquiry this morning at the offices of Messrs. Gibbs, Livingston and Co., a *China Mail* reporter was told that Mr. Lang's condition is as satisfactory as can be expected under the circumstances.

Mr. Razvet will be selected on account of his experience, in spite of his weighing some 20 lbs. more than young Jordan.

OARSMAN.

THE TYPHOON.

A NURSE'S IMPRESSION.

The *Sydney Morning Herald* has given prominence to a letter written by "a nurse at the Peak Hospital" describing her impression of the typhoon. The following are interesting extracts:—"They say it's a worse typhoon even than the famous 1906 one, when 20,000 lives were lost, but that actually there will not be such big loss of life, because there was longer notice, and most of the boats and sampans had time to get to shelter. There is one boat I can see from my window, though, the 'Loonsang,' and all that is visible of her are the tops of a red funnel and two masts. I hear every soul on board went down—it makes me sick to look at her, and think of it. Then two submarines have gone down, and four officers, and I suppose the crews, with them. They sank right beside the naval shelter. One of the ferries—that crossed to Kowloon—has been smashed to pieces. All the passengers got stripped and got into mackintoshes, prepared to swim, but eventually they were hauled off by a big crane at the naval docks—and then the big ferry smashed up. As I write, it's raining heavily, and we expect another blow to-night, but for the present the storm is past. If we get it again I don't know what is going to happen to us. We've lost nearly a third of the roof now. The water is pouring in, and then, through the floors of the upstairs rooms, to the ones beneath. My room is under it all, and is soaking, and my clothes reposing in the passages."

"Later—At night, and very tired after the day's struggle. We did have a morning. The storm struck Hongkong about 10 a.m. Nearly all the men were in their offices, and the poor wives were left on the Peak with their children, the roofs blowing off. On the other side of the island I believe a whole village is demolished—swept away by the sea, and all the Chinese are drowned. They say it will take a year to repair the damage done by the typhoon, and at a cost of enormous expense. The velocity of the wind was 130 miles an hour; the observatory man says it's a world's record. Certainly no typhoon in the history of Hongkong has ever hit it like this one. News has just come in that only one submarine was lost, and no naval people. There was a wonderfully brave rescue of one young naval lieutenant. It's the appalling suddenness of the typhoon that affects everyone. Last night I was dancing at the Peak Hotel till midnight, and, coming home, it was quite calm, though a little lightning in the distance. To-day nearly all the people dancing there had lost such a lot, and had their homes half ruined. The man next door to us had his whole roof blown off, and a chimney is reposing in the middle of the drawing room. His family had to take shelter in the basement."

"Next day—I went round part of the Peak for a walk this afternoon. The trees and bamboos look as if they had been burnt, all stripped, of course. Almost every house has the whole or part of its roof blown off, and in many cases parts of the walls, too. It reminds me of going through Arras in 1917, after it had been shelled. It's marvellous to me that the loss of life among the Europeans is so small. Lamp posts are twisted, telephone poles down, and in most places the electric light failed. In one of the big hospitals the enormous windows of the wards blew in, and glass flew everywhere, while the gale blew through long wards and passages. Not very much damage was done there, though, and most of the patients were glad to be there instead of in their own homes. A man I know from his office watched a huge French liner, the 'Andre Lebon,' break from her moorings and go straight into the big Empress Hotel. They say it was wonderful seamanship that saved the 'Andre Lebon.' Another man told me how they watched the 'Loonsang' come tearing in. She had a huge hole in her bows, and they could see the men hanging on in the stern, which was right out in the water. It dashed right up beside the wharf, and then sank—fortunately only four Europeans were on board. The captain, at first thought to be lost, and some of the crew, were picked up miles down the coast, battered, but alive. They had managed to get off somehow in a small boat, and by a miracle were saved."

Petty Officer John Nevill, of Chatham, was killed at Chatham Station in trying to board a moving train.

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SEASIDE LETTERS MYSTERY.

INVISIBLE INK ON STAMPS.

Stamps marked with invisible ink, and a long watch on a letter-box were described at Arundel, Sussex, when Miss Edith Emily Swann was committed to trial on a charge of publishing an obscene defamatory libel concerning the Littlehampton sanitary inspector. Mrs. Rose Emmie Gooding was originally accused of authorship of the mystery letters of Littlehampton and sentenced to nine months' imprisonment. While she was in prison letters continued to be received by Littlehampton people, and after investigation by Scotland Yard Mrs. Gooding, who had then served five months of her sentence, was released, and she received compensation from the Home Office.

The case heard in the council chamber of the old Town Hall at Arundel aroused great interest among the people of Littlehampton, who came to the court by train, motor-coach, and omnibus. Mr. S. Pearce from the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, supported the charges, and Miss Swann was represented by Mr. E. B. Longcroft, solicitor, of Chichester.

INVISIBLE INK MARKS.—Mr. Pearce said that Miss Swann on June 24, at 5.29 p.m. sent an indecent letter in an envelope addressed to Mr. Gardner, sanitary inspector of Littlehampton. The act was seen by at least three witnesses, and the postage stamp which had been put on the letter could be traced.

Miss Swann resided in Western-road, Littlehampton, not far from the Beach sub-post office, where the letter was posted. On June 23 she purchased two three-halfpenny postage stamps at the Beach office, being served from a special stock of six stamps marked with invisible ink, W.E.B. over S. On June 24 she was seen by two G.P.O. witnesses to approach the letter-box at the Beach office.

Inside the office Mr. E. Baker, the sub-postmaster, immediately afterwards saw two letters fall on the empty tray at the bottom of the box. One was addressed to "Miss Swann," a sister in Surrey, and the other to the "Sanitary Inspector, Town Hall, Local." The envelope was opened, and inside was found a letter containing indecent words.

Miss Swann was followed, and was asked if she would go to the post office. She did so and in her presence Mr. Bowler, of the G.P.O., developed the invisible ink on the letters. She said she was not guilty of writing or posting any letter to the sanitary inspector. When told of the purchase of the two stamps she said she put one on the letter to her sister and the other on a letter to another sister—Mrs. Thompson—which she posted at the same office on June 24.

That explanation was untrue, said Mr. Pearce, because it had been proved that no such letter had either been posted or delivered. SEARCH AT WOMAN'S HOUSE.—Mrs. Elsie Baker, wife of the sub-postmaster at the Beach Post Office, described the sale on instructions of two marked stamps to Miss Swann on June 23.

Mr. Walter Edward Bowler stated that the six stamps were marked in invisible ink, "W. E. B." his initials, and "S." the first letter of the name of the person to whom they were to be sold. On June 24 the Beach Post Office was watched. At 5.29 p.m. he was outside with Mr. Cartwright. He described what occurred as outlined by counsel.

Mr. Longcroft: Did you go to Miss Swann's house and search it while she was at the post office?—I did.

You obtained from her a signed authority to do so?—I did.

Was there a letter addressed to Miss Swann, Woking, in the five o'clock collection?—No.

Or to someone at Cranleigh?—No.

A MONTH OF WATCHING.—Edwin Baker, sub-postmaster at the Beach Post Office, said he saw Miss Swann drop two letters into the box. He put his hand on the tray as the letters fell and caught them. For a whole month every letter that fell into his post-box had been instantly removed by an official and examined.

Frederick Burchard, sorting clerk at Guildford, said that on the night of June 24 he searched the night-mail bags and found no letter for Mrs. Thompson.

Mrs. Longcroft submitted that there was no case in law to answer, as there was no publication of the libel, the letter being detained by the postal authorities.

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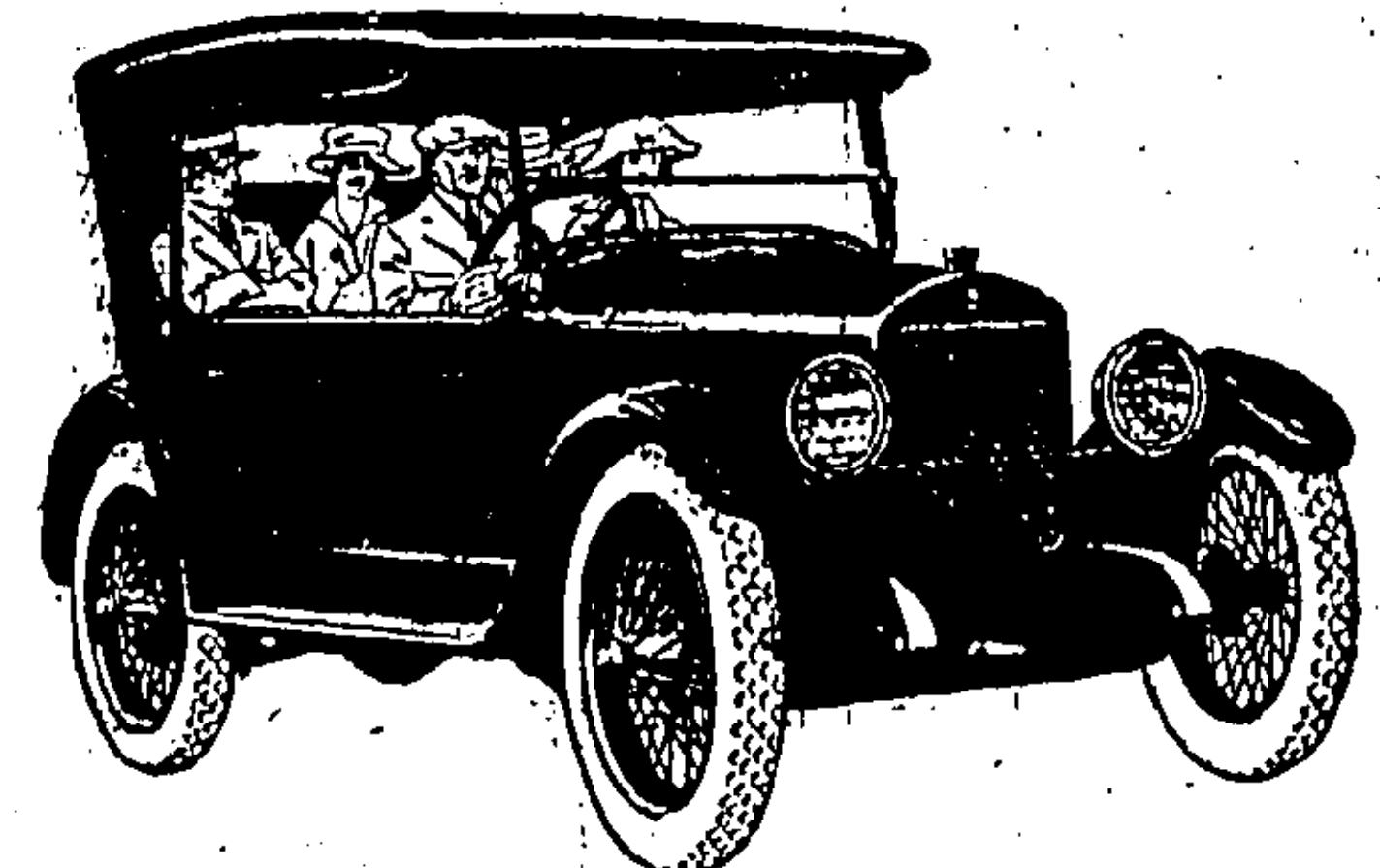
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Yesterday afternoon, Mrs. A. G. M. Fletcher opened a sale of work at St. Paul's Girls' School, Caine Road, which will continue to-day and to-morrow. The funds raised will be donated to the Building Fund of the school.

When the opening ceremony was performed, a large gathering was present, including the Right Reverend Bishop Duppuy and the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher.

After the sale had been declared open, Mr. Fletcher congratulated the pupils on the success of their efforts and expressed the hope that financial results would accrue, commensurate with the hard work and time devoted by teachers and pupils in making possible the fine display before them.

Bishop Duppuy, on behalf of the school, cordially thanked Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher for their presence and also the Government for

granting the School a site for the new building and its promised donation of \$50,000 towards the Building Fund, the amount to be given subject to the Building Committee being able to raise \$200,000. The subscription campaign, said the Bishop, was proceeding apace and there was every reason to hope that the requisite amount would be subscribed before long. His Lordship endorsed Mr. Fletcher's remarks as regards the splendid array of needlework, etc., and congratulated Miss Woo and the others responsible.

Miss F. C. Woo, the headmistress, and her assistants have transformed the different classrooms into a regular fairy-land, where useful presents of varied assortment can be purchased at exceptionally reasonable prices—a distinct departure from custom at bazaars. The majority of the articles on sale are the handiwork of present and past pupils, while local Chinese firms have also contributed their quota. Miss Woo stated that the thanks of the school are especially due to the "Sun Company," Wing On Company, M. Y. Sun and Co., Greenfield and Co., Messrs. Cheong Cheong and Mok Koon-sing.



Dr. Amy Kaakonon, m.

Dr. Amy Kaakonon, of Fairport, O., the only woman Mayor in the State, has resigned her office to accept a position in a laboratory in Seattle. She was elected Mayor on a dry enforcement platform and her tenure of office has been hectic.



Louis Basile and son mine

Abandoned because it did not produce copper in paying quantities, the old Schuyler Mine, near Arlington, N. J., on the edge of the Hackensack Meadows, has been turned into a profitable mushroom "mine." In the photograph the mushrooms can be seen growing in the rich red soil 500 feet deep. Louis Basile and his son operate the "mine."



George Stewart

George Stewart, 21, brother of Anita Stewart, famous motion picture actress, is seriously injured in the Hospital for the Ruptured and Crippled, in New York. His skull was fractured in a fight with Ralph Ince, noted motion picture producer, according to reports of Miss Stewart's attorney. It is said young Stewart, face and Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Ring, stage people, were visiting roadhouses near New York in Miss Stewart's car when Ince and Stewart quarrelled. Ince is said to have put Stewart out of the car and beaten him terrifically. Later Ince took Stewart, unconscious, to his apartment in the Lambs' Club, from which he was later sent to the hospital. Miss Stewart engaged counsel to prosecute Ince. Stewart is his sister's business manager.



Mme. Olga Andree Bet

Mme. Olga Andree Bet, a noted concert singer, of Chicago is giving up her musical art and studying to become a chiropodist, she told delegates to the National Chiropodists' Association, in convention in New York City. Mme. Bet is shown here wearing the Russian ermine coronation cape of the late Czarina Alexandra, which she bought for \$3,000 at an auction sale in Warsaw. It was later stolen from her in Paris but recovered by the police.



Cyrus E. Woods, m.

Cyrus E. Woods, new American Ambassador to Japan, is shown as he left the royal palace in Tokyo, where he presented his credentials of office to the Japanese Prince Regent.



John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Upon his return from a pleasure trip to Europe, the first he has taken in 17 years, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., entered his plea for Anglo-American amity, declaring that the peace of the world rests upon that friendship.



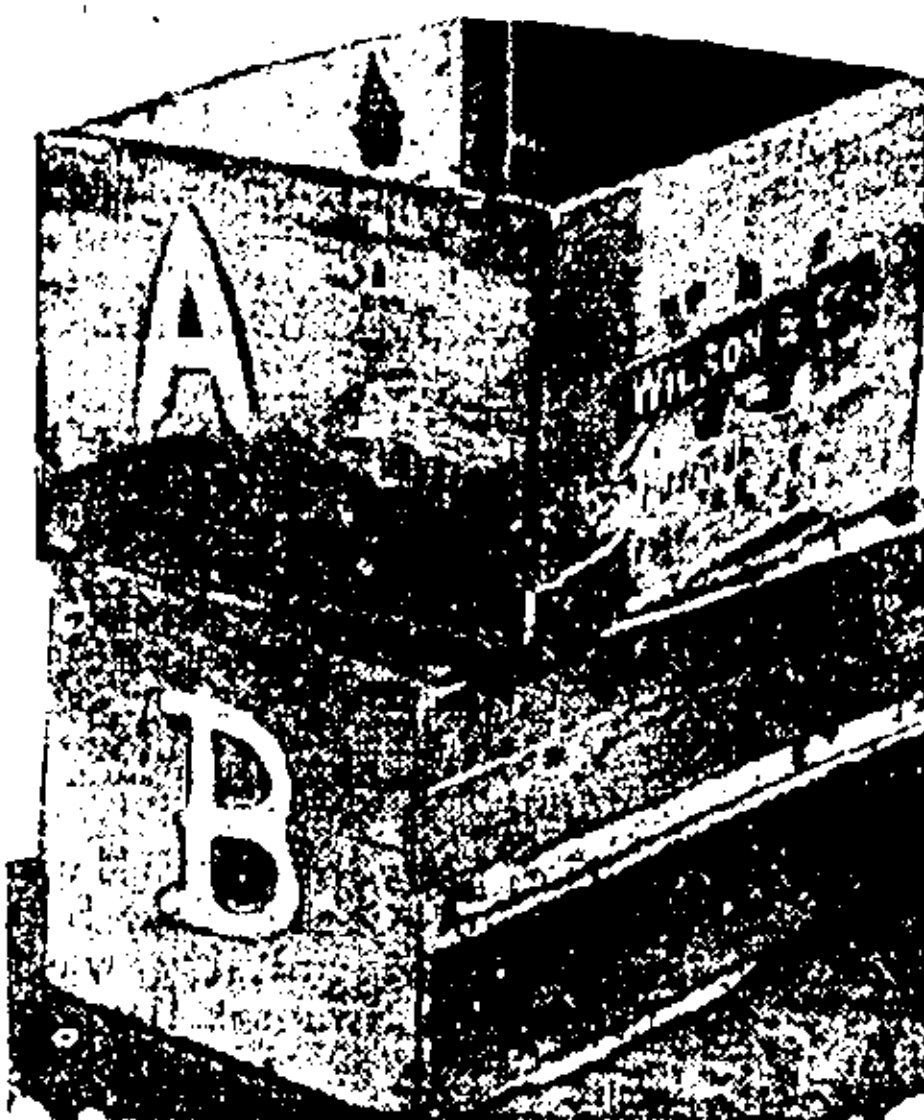
Mrs. Della Shedlin

Believing the tenants were away for the summer, Policeman John Regan entered the home of Mrs. Della Shedlin, 31, when he saw lights in the dining room, and shot Mrs. Shedlin whom he mistook for a burglar. Her chances for recovery are slim.



Elmer Dover

Above is shown Elmer Dover, who 22 years ago arranged for the funeral train that carried the remains of the late President McKinley from Washington to Canton, O., for interment. Mr. Dover, a prominent Ohio politician, was in San Francisco at the time President Harding died and was called upon to act again in the capacity of director for the funeral train.



Packing Cases. Nunie G. Tsekos, Mrs. Catherine Adams & Miss Natalie Tsekos

Following a family quarrel Nunie George Tsekos, an Albanian paper mill hand, of Franklin, N. H., killed his 28-year-old wife, Natalie, and her 70-year-old mother, Mrs. Catherine Adams, hucked their bodies to pieces and placed them in two packing cases. He hired an automobile to carry the boxes to Medford, N. H., where he threw them into a vacant lot. The suspicions of the chauffeur were aroused and he notified the police, who found the bodies and arrested Tsekos.



James J. Davis

Secretary of Labour James J. Davis rushed home from his native Wales, where he was spending a vacation, immediately upon learning of the death of President Harding. As soon as the "Leviathan" landed in New York Mr. Davis proceeded to Washington to take steps to avert the threatened anthracite coal strike.



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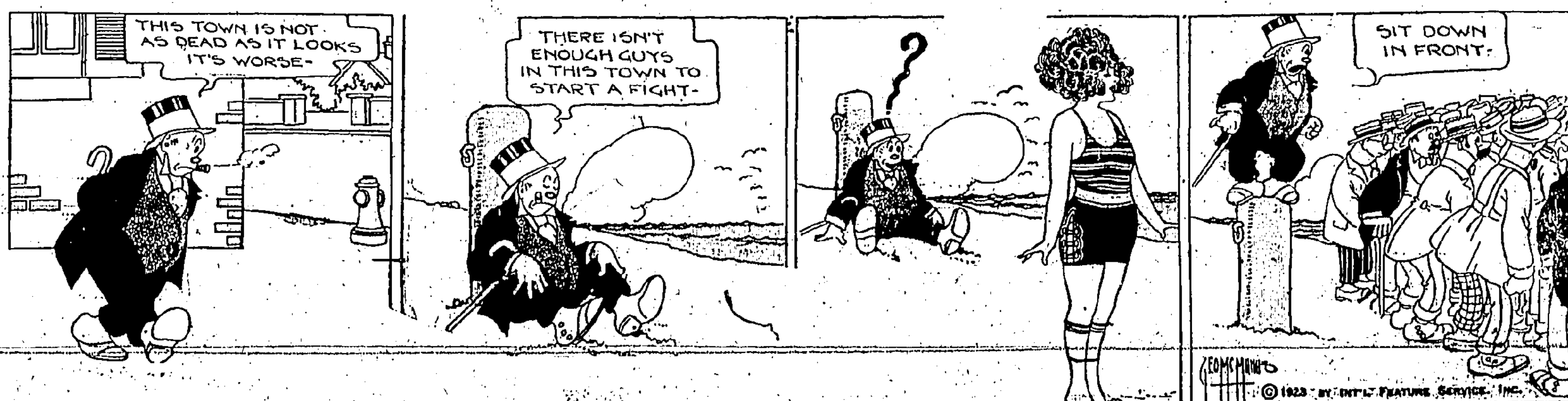
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12.

Singhai and Wuchow Kong Yung 4 p.m.
Cebu Tyn Jarcus 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14.

Shanghai 10th Sept. Suiyang

U.S.A. Canada, Japan and Shanghai President Jefferson

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WEATHER REPORT.

October 12th 11h 50m.—Pressure
has decreased slightly from Macao
to Haiphong. It is nearly
stationary at other reporting
stations.

The anticyclone is probably
moving eastward. The monsoon
will be interrupted to the north of
Poochow and remain moderate to
fresh over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours
ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.0 inch.
Total since January 1st, 89.14 inches,
against an average of 78.58 inches.
Forecast for the 24 hours ending at
noon on October 13, 1923.

1.—Formosa Channel, N.E. winds
fresh.

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Hongkong and Macao. N. winds,
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Macao and Canton. N. winds
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Canton and Haiphong. N. winds
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